

MONEY TALKS

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Get together with a handful of folks whose names you know. Sit at a table with uncomfortable chairs, either in seat material or ratio of chairs to sides of the table. Have everyone put down a small amount of money agreed upon by the group, with individual contributions worth about a cup of coffee. Count how much you have, announce that the person with the best story wins the balance, then sit in thought for a few minutes, so that each person can come up with a title of a story.

Write your title and your name on an index card, shuffle the cards together, and distribute them so that no one ends up with their own. Take turns telling stories, using the given title as a seed of inspiration. Keep the stories brief, about 15 minutes.

Once all the stories have been told, have everyone vote in secret for their top two stories, not counting their own. Count up the top spot votes (using second spot votes to break ties), and give the winner the pile of cash, with the option of giving some of their winnings to the title author.

Thank everyone, and adjourn to a coffee shop.

